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SUBJ: UNIDO COMMENT ON DRAFT GAO REPORT ON CONSTRAINTS TO
USE OF FERTILIZER IN LDC'S

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS PROVIDED BY UNIDO ON DRAFT
GAO REPORT "CONSTRAINTS TO INCREASING USE OF
FERTILIZER ON FOOD CROPS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:"

QUOTE. 1. CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM IS
LEVELLED AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PERFORMING
OVERLAPPING FUNCTIONS. THE FACT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED
ALREADY AND SINCE 1972 UNIDO/FAO/WORLD BANK ESTABLISHED
A WORKING GROUP TO COORDINATE THEIR PROGRAMME AND MINIMIZE
DUPLICATION OF WORK. THIS WORKING GROUP HAS
BEEN METIONED BUT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT EMPHASIS
IN THE GAO REPORT (SEE PAGE 26).

2. UNIDO'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION REPORTED BY
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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON EXPENDITURE
FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT
ACTIVITIES WAS FOR THE FPP SECTION 4.1 PERCENT
IN 1974 AND HAS INCREASED FROM US\$ 162,000 IN 1974
TO OVER US\$ 300,000 IN 1975. IN SPITE OF UNDP
CUTBACKS THIS LEVEL WAS MAINTAINED IN 1976,
FOR WHICH FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE (SEE PAGE 25).

3. WE ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE ON PAGE 39 OF THE REPORT, PROPOSING THE TERMINATION
OF SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE (IFDC). IN OUR OPINION IFDC DOES NOT
DUPLICATE THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING
REASONS:

(A) IT PROVIDES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
DATA WHICH NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CAN
SUPPLY FOR THE FERTILIZER FIELD;

(B) IT COOPERATES WITH UNIDO AND FAO:
-PROVIDING TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW
-PERFORMING STUDIES UNDER SUBCONTRACT FOR WHICH
UNIDO STAFF DOES NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER OR SPECIAL TECHNICAL
EXPERTISE;

(C) PARTICIPATES IN THE UNIDO/FAO/WORLD
BANK WORKING GROUP MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION;P

(D) COMPILES REGIONAL STUDIES AND FIELD
SURVEYS FOR UNIDO, WORLD BANK AND UNDP;

(E) WILL REVISE AND UPDATE THE UNIDO
FERTILIZER MANUAL FOR WHICH UNIDO NO LONGER HAS FUNDS;

(F) PROVIDES INFORMATION FROM ITS HIGHLY
SPECIALIZED LIBRARY;

(G) PROVIDES TECHNICAL TRAINING FACILITIES
TO UPGRADE SKILLS OF FERTILIZER PLANT OPERATORS
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(H) SINCE 1975 IFDC HAS GONE A LONG WAY
IN FILLING THE GAP THAT HAS EXISTED IN THE FERTILIZER
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TECHNOLOGY FIELD. IT IS PRESENTLY STRIVING TO
COOPERATE WITH THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO COMPLEMENT THEIR EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

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